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## School Directory, 1911-12.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION:

T. P. ADAMS, Chairman,	Zionville,	N.	C.
J. W. FARTHING,	Boone,	N.	C.
W. N. HOWELL,	Brookside,	N.	C.
B. B. DOUGHERTY, Secretary,	Boone,	N.	C.
W. N. THOMAS, Treasurer,	Tracy,	N.	C.

Regular meetings of the Board of Education, First Monday in January, April, July, and October.

1911=1912.

### INTRODUCTION.

To the Board of Education, and to the People of Watauga County,

Gentlemen: We herewith submit a detail report of the Public Schools. The enrollment and average attendance is very large indeed. In this particular we rank among the most progressive counties of the State.

We also invite close attention to the receipts and expenditures of the school money. Note that the teachers get almost all the money,

and yet they are poorly paid.

We call special attention to the Loan Fund. The setting apart of this fund has been done without cutting down the 'length of the school, and we believe this will be a very great aid to the county in the coming years.

Seven districts have already been helped, and four more have applied for aid.

Again, we would have you read the report of Mr. R. H. Farthing, trustee of the Lenoir Lands.

The general progress of Education in the good old county of Watauga is one to make every citizen glad, and we feel that every citizen is entitled to much credit.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to one and all for aid in the work. We have done the very best we could: that we have made mistakes we do not doubt. The development of the county has been our only aim, and for its further development, we appeal to every good citizen.

Very respectfully,

B. B. Dougherty, Co. Supt.

## County Treasurer's Report

-Of-

# Public School Funds, Watauga Co, 1911 and 1912.

(School year, July 1 to June 30.)

Receipts and sources:	
Balance on hand, June 30, 1911,	\$ 825.25.
General State and County Poll Tax,	2478.00
* General Property Tax,	5677.68
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties,	710.75
W. T. Hayes, ex Treas.,	139.20
Funds from the State:	
From \$125,000 Appropriation,	843.91
From Second \$100,000,	1398.39
Special from State,	105.85
For Libraries, State,	40.00
Private Donations for Libraries,	60.00
Total.	\$12,279.03

#### EXPENDITURES.

County Superintendent	\$ 115.00
White Teachers,	6207.05
Colored Teachers,	240.00
Furniture,	28.65
Libraries,	180.00
Installment, Loan Fund,	173.80
New Buildings and Repairs, and Sites,	576.95
Treasurer's Commission, 2 per cent.,	152.35
County Board Education,	72.70
Census,	23.16
Sheriff's Commission, Releases, &c,	511.72
Over charges, W. T. Hayes,	100.00
Error, 1910—11,	28.96
Balance on Hand,	3868.69
Total,	\$12,279.03 \$12,279.03

It is estimated that there are practically enough outstanding vouchers to cover the Balance.

W. N. Thomas, Co. Treasurer.
T. P. Adams, Ch. Bd. Ed.
J. W. Farthing,
W. N. Howell.

## Amounts Allowed for a Four Months' School In Each District for 1912.

	37.5	Boone Township				Laure	el Creek.		
Diet		The state of the s		o. Amt.	Dist. No.			No.	Amt.
Dist.	I	\$300	2	\$100	I	120	100000	2	120
	3	100	4	120	3	120		4	120
	5	120	6	180	5	140		6	120
	7	100	8	240	7	100	Col	. I	60
	9	100 Col.	. 1	60		T	otal,		\$900
		Total,		\$1,500		Mea	t Camp.		
		Beaver Dam.			I	120		2	120
	1	180	2	180	3	120		4	120
	3	200	4	200	- 5	110		6	120
		Col.	I	60	7	120	Primary	No 2.	80
		Total,		\$820		Tota	al,		\$910
		Blue Ridge.		The state of the s		Nor	th Fork.		
	I	120	2	120	I	120		2	120
	3	120	4	100		T	otal,		\$240
	5	100	6	100		Stor	y Fork.		
	7	100 Total,		\$760	I	120		2	100
		Bald Mountain			. 3	120		4	150
	I	100	2	120	5	100			
		Total,		\$220		T	otal,		\$590
		Blowing Rock				Sha	wneehaw	•	
	I	200	2	100	I	120		2	120
	3	100	4	140	J	Joint D			30
		Total,		\$540	of the s	T	otal,		\$270
		Cove Creek.					atauga.		
	I	240	2	240	I	180 2	schools.	2	120
	3	120	4	160	3	100		4	100
	5	120	6	200	5	120		6	120
		Total,		\$1,080	7	120		8	100
		Elk.				T	otal,		\$960
	I	120	2	100	Total	Salarie	es for 191:	2. \$0.	010.
		Total,		\$220	1 3 000 - 6	1 1880	•	יפיד ו	
					AND SERVICE AND ADDRESS.				

Jist.	41, 20711	deriv	0	Ver and M. A.			ė.
No. of Dist.	Census.	Enrolled.	Average Attendance	Principal.	Salary per Month.	Per Cent Enrolled,	Per Cent Attendance
		N	JATA	AUGA.			
1 Valle Cruc	is 103						
Lower hor	use	26	17	Dora Greene	\$20.00		
Upper hor	ise	45	22	W. J. Farthing	35.00		
2 Bryan Hou		49	23	Nora S. Mast	25.00		
3 Clark's Cre	ek 50	34	23	Stella Farthing	25.00		
4 Dutch Cree	k 55	26	21	I. A. Bumgarner	24.00		
5 Shulls Mills	s 34	34	23	J. F. Wilson	25.00		
6 Foscoe	60	33	17	Bertha Greene	25.00		
7 Grandfathe	er 70	57	23	Rosedna Hodges	25.00		
8 Kelsy	29	19	9	Emma Coffey	24.00		4311
	469	323	178		\$228.00	70	42

### RECAPITULATION.

Census, 4,203. Enrollment, 3,258. Attendance, 2,066 Percentage Enrolled, 78. per ct. Per Centage in Attendance, 50.

Bald Mountain township has the highest per cent of enrollment.

Beaver Dam, Blowing Rock, and North Fork have the highest per cent. of attendance, being 57 each.

The cost per capita for each month is about \$1.00 per scholar.

## Comparisons.

	1902.	1912.
Value of School Property,	\$5,000	\$20,000.
Percentage of Attendance,	29.	50.
Number Teachers with high-school Educ	ation, 5.	30.
Number of Libraries,	0.	26.
Number of Supplementary Libraries,	0.	6.
Number of Local tax districts,	0.	3.
Paid County Superintendent,	\$27.75.	\$304.00.

#### COMMENTS.

The balance as shown in the treasurer's report would indicate a good sum left over. There are many outstanding vouchers.— The real balance will be very small. The County Superintendent's salary has not been paid, as he never presents it until the teachers have their money. It has been for six years 4 per cent of the cancellation making generally \$300. For many years it was about \$30.

Teachers will notice that a most liberal salary list has been made for 1912. It is gratifying to the people of the County that the per centage of attendance has grown within ten years fron 29 per cent. to 50 per cent., making Watauga almost the banner county in the State. Let every one work a little harder and our county will come to the front.

#### To recapitulate:

- (a) The school property has grown from \$5,000 to \$20,000.
- (b) The attendance has steadily increased from 29 per cent. to 50 per cent. of the entire census.
- (c) Many teachers in the County have a high school education
- (d) There are 26 rural libraries and six supplementary libraries
- (e) There is a permanent endowment fund of \$7,200 —to build school houses.
- (f) There is the Lenoir endowment of more than \$3,000.
- (g) There are three local tax districts, and two other schools that run eight months in the year.

### Report of the Lenoir Lands.

Office Board of Education, Boone, Watauga Co., N. C., July 2, 1912.

Mr. R. H. Farthing came before the Board of Education and made the following settlement of the Lenoir Lands, given to the public schools of Watauga county, and turned over to him as Trustee:

(1) Received about 2,000 acres of land in Watauga county.

(4) Sold Alex. Edmisten 600 acres for \$1,800 and collected 1500 Total received, \$1,926

### Paid out as follows:

I.	R. M. Farthing			#	100.
	Blanche Dougherty				30.
3.	W. D. Farthing				30.
4.	L. M. Farthing				35.
5.	W. D. Farthing				25.
6.	W. D. Farthing				30.
7.	L. M. Farthing				70.
8.	Blanche Dougherty				90.
9.	Robert H. Farthing				93.
10.	Amount in Hickory	Bank :	at 4 per ct	int. 1	266.

The following notes are reported:

Alex. Edmisten \$300, Lewis W. Farthing \$400, Roy Norris \$35, D. C. Ragan \$250, D. J. Farthing \$975. Total, \$1,960.

R. H. FARTHING, Trustee.

T. P. Adams, Ch. Bd. Ed. J. W. Farthing, W. N. Howell.

Approved:

### The Loan Fund Bill.

A Bill to be Entitled An Act to Authorize The County
Board of Education of Watauga County to
Establish a Permanent Loan Fund.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section r. The county board of education of Watauga County is hereby authorized and empowered to set apart as a permanent loan fund for the building and improvement of school houses all monies arising from fines, forfeitures, and penalties, in any instance amounting to more than one hundred dollars, now in the hands of the county treasurer of said county belonging to the public school fund of the county.

Section 2. Loans made under the provisions of this chapter shall be payable in ten instalments, shall bear interest at four percentum payable annually, and shall be evidenced by the note of the school committee of the district for which any loan may be made, executed by the chairman and secretary of said committee, and deposited with the county board of education of said county. The first instalment of such loan, together with the interest on the whole amount then due, shall be paid by the said school committee on the first Monday in January after the first Monday of July subsequently to the making of such loan, and the remaining instalments, together with the interest, shall be paid one each year on the first Monday of January of each subsequent year until all shall have been paid.

Section 3. Any amount loaned under the provisions of this act shall be a lien upon the total public school funds of the district receiving such loan; and the county board of education at the July meeting before any instalment shall be due on the following first Monday of January shall set apart out of the school funds due any district receiving a loan under the provisions of this act, an amount sufficient to pay such instalment and interest to be due, which amount so set apart shall not be subject to the order of said committee except for the specific purpose of paying the instalment and interest to be due. The county superintendent shall not have authority to countersign any order of the school committee of such district for the disbursement of this amount so set apart except for the purpose of paying the instalment and interest.

Section 4. The county board of education shall have authority to keep on deposit in one or more banks of their selection all or any part of this fund that may remain on hand not loaned, at a rate of interest not less than four per centum, and all interest arising therefrom shall become a part of this permanent loan fund.

Section 5. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

It will be seen from reading the above bill that only the forfeiture of the Banner Bond could be used for the Loan Fund.

The Bond was \$8,000. It was all paid. The Solicitor got \$400. The Clerk, \$400. The net amount turned over to the Fund, therefore, was \$7,200.

The first thing to do was to get the right start, we had the notes written, and approved by the Attorney Generel, printed by E. M. Uzell & Co., Raleigh. As soon as this could be done, the Board of Education announced that they were ready for applications. They authorized the treasurer to put \$5,000 in the Watauga County Bank at not 4 per cent., but 6 per cent. \$2,200 was deposited in the same bank, subject to check, at 4 per cent. on the daily balance. Every safeguard has been thrown around this Loan Fund that it shall never be lost, but used for our own people.





